



Press Release

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Today, February 23, 2012, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a business located at 445 Fairport Nursery Road in Painesville Township. While working on the land behind the building workers found the body of a female, and immediately called the police.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Detectives, and Lake County Coroner Lynn Smith, processed the scene, and sent the body to the Cuyahoga Coroner's Office for examination. Evidence suggests that the body is that of Melanie Chapuis, a 46 year old female, who was last seen in that area on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. At the present time there is no evidence to suggest foul play. Ms. Chapuis had left her vehicle and coat with a suicide note on December 7th near the banks of the Grand River, not far from where the body was found today.

The investigation to determine the person's identity is pending until the results of the Coroner's report are received.

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